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Foster Dulles Says:

'SEATO No Threat To Anyone'

Bangkok Talks Open

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

SEATO Justified

If the eight signatories to the Manila Pact meeting in Bangkok today succeed in carrying out their chief task, what has up to now been merely a name—the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation—will become a reality. The significance of this must not be lost, for SEATO will represent the biggest effort yet made to create an united defensive front against Communists' military expansion in Asia. In magnitude it does not approach the solidarity and massive defensive strength of NATO, but it is based on the principles and aims of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and as such wins a unique position in contemporary political history.

One feature of the Manila Treaty (which constitutes the charter for the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation) is the five principles which the pact enunciates. And they are particularly interesting because Mr Chou En-lai has laid down similar principles which he says should govern Asian relations. Here they are: recognition of national sovereignty and territorial integrity; mutual non-aggression; non-interference in internal affairs; equality and mutual benefit; peaceful co-existence.

ON this basis is the machinery for activating SEATO to be created, and it is not easy to conceive how any serious objections, more or less active opposition, to those principles can be advanced. When makes it all the more unfortunate that freedom-loving Asiatic nations are divided on the merits and desirability of a Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation. Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines are for; India, Burma, Colombo and Indonesia against. Yet all profess a common desire to have Asia safeguarded by the five fundamental principles laid down in the Manila Treaty.

The apparent contradiction is explained by a divergence in honest beliefs. The Manila Treaty powers are convinced that, as in Europe, the Communists' policy of aggression in Asia can now only be restrained by an unmistakable display of united defensive strength. India and Burma, in particular, consider any such organised offensive line-up an irritant, and that it will make no useful impression on the Communists.

BECAUSE the viewpoints are fundamental they are seemingly irreconcilable within an organisation of the nature of SEATO. India and Burma claim that their policies of neutrality are more likely to produce positive and valuable results for world peace. Unfortunately, the bigger powers, such as the United States, Britain and France cannot afford to indulge in neutrality. They are constantly being challenged by the Communists over international problems. Russia has consistently refused to make any concessions on issues which vitally affect the peace of the world. Neutrality in their case would be tantamount to surrender.

Militant Communism has already advanced far enough in Southeast Asia. It makes no attempt to hide its menacing intentions. And this is the justification for the creation and maintenance of SEATO. Because of its aggressive nature it can influence only those who possess aggressive designs. As an alliance it suffers the imperfections of incompleteness, but few will deny that it can serve the very valuable purposes, firstly of discouraging aggression, and secondly of resisting aggression should it be attempted.

CHINA MAIL

THE WEATHER: Light to moderate. Easterly winds. Fine and hazy.

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HONG KONG & KOWLOON

'No Response To Soviet Peace Moves'

BLUNT WARNING BY ZHUKOV

'Russia Ready To Hit Back If Attacked'
RED ARMY DAY TV SPEECH

Moscow, Feb. 22.

The Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Georgi Zhukov, told a Russian audience tonight the USSR's "peaceful policy" had evoked no "favourable echoes" in the West and warned that Russia was ready to retaliate against any attack.

Making his first TV speech on the eve of Red Army Day, Marshal Zhukov was flanked on his right by the new Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and by the Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikita Krushchev.

Then came the first Deputy Defence Minister, Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, and the Army Chief of Staff, Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky.

Marshal Zhukov underlined Russia's peaceful intentions first.

"The pacific policy of the USSR has not raised any favourable echoes on the part of the capitalist countries," he said, "notably the United States, which is carrying out a policy of preparation for war and propaganda."

He added: "We are ready to reply to all attacks. Those who

do not take the lessons of history into account, like Hitler, who attempted to adopt a position of force against the USSR, should remember his fate."

"Permit me to assure the Central Committee of the Party and our Soviet Government that all the soldiers and sailors of the USSR recognise their high responsibilities and will continue to reinforce the power of the armed forces of our homeland," he said.

NEW 'SAVE ASIA'
ECONOMIC PLAN

U.S. Experts Begin Study

Washington, Feb. 22.

The Eisenhower Administration is studying tentative plans for a joint United States-West European economic aid drive to strengthen Asia's resistance against Communist subversion, it was learned today.

The basis of the suggested combined economic offensive is the United States' "Save Asia" development programme which will be submitted by the White House to Congress in mid-April.

The idea of participation by the nations of Western Europe was developed by Mr Stassen, who held informal talks with economic and financial leaders at the North Atlantic Treaty conference in Paris earlier this year.

Officials reported today that discussions with these leaders were continuing and that the overall framework for a joint programme was being studied in London.

NO FORMAL PROPOSAL

Although no formal proposal had been placed before the Economic Co-operation, several countries, particularly West Germany, Belgium and Holland, had expressed keen interest in Mr Stassen's views, they said.

He has suggested many reasons why Western Europe should join the United States in meeting the Communists' threat in this area.

Among them are:

(1) That nations restored to economic health by the Marshall Plan after the war should now extend help to under-developed countries which have no industrial base to raise living standards.

(2) That European participation is desirable as one way of proving that the United States is not driven by imperialistic designs in accepting the challenge of poverty and Communism in Asia.

(3) That it is in the self-interest of Western Europe to contribute financial, material and technical aid to the region. —Reuter.

500 Passengers, Crew Inoculated

Typhoid Scare On Ship
From Hongkong

Capetown, Feb. 22.

Two doctors worked for 3½ hours today to inoculate the 500 passengers and crew of the 14,282-ton steamship *Raya* after two Chinese children aboard were found to have typhoid. The children, Maria Chiu, 3, and her brother, Russell, aged 5, from Hongkong, were taken to Hospital No. 1, East London, Orange Province, South Africa, and the *Raya* was bound for Durban. The child, aged 5, was found to have typhoid, the master decided to put into port.

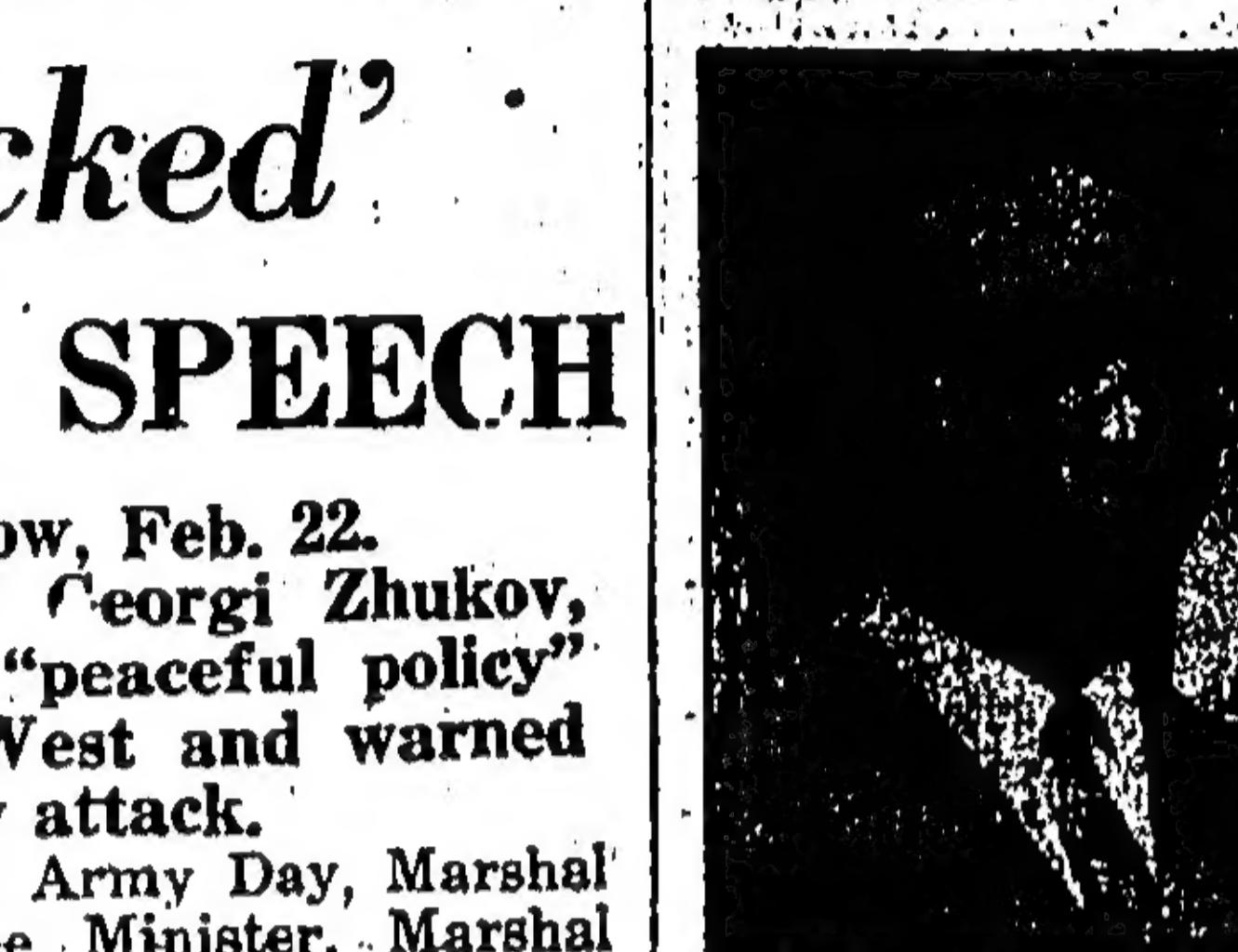
Burma Rebels

Sabotage Train

Rangoon, Feb. 22.

A strong band of Karen rebels sabotaged and attacked a government mail and passenger train, looted it of arms and ammunition, and kidnapped 40 passengers. The latest attack by a band of about 4,000 Karen insurgents took place between Donow and Hsipaw stations in mid-north Burma.

To Break Exile?



King Freddie
May Ask
To Go Home

Whitehall's Thorny Problem



Marshal Zhukov

Standing, the audience sang the Soviet national anthem. A concert given by Moscow's top artists followed.—United Press

China's Message

London, Feb. 22.

The Communist Chinese leaders in a message of greeting to the Soviet leaders on the eve of the 27th anniversary of Soviet Army Day said the "mighty and steeled" Soviet army was "an unconquerable force for world peace," the New China News Agency reported.

The message said that during the Second World War the "gigantic Soviet Army" destroyed the Fascist forces, saved European and world civilisation and made an invaluable contribution to the cause of human progress.

In the past five years the Soviet armed forces in the naval base of Port Arthur had played a vital role in preserving peace and security in the Far East and the world, the message said.

They had offered substantial support for the Socialist construction of the Chinese people.

"We on behalf of the Chinese People's Republic wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Government of the Soviet Union and their armed forces."

The message was sent by Mao Tse-tung, China's Chairman, Liu Shao-chi, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's National Congress and Chou En-lai, China's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

New Plan For
Protection

From A-Blast

Washington, Feb. 22.

The Army disclosed today that casualties from the heat of an atomic explosion may be cut by as much as 75 per cent by laying smoke-screens over target cities.

The U.S. has asked the Nationalists to "check and double check" submarine reports.

OLD RUSSIAN SUBS?

Authorities said the Chinese Communists probably have a few old Russian submarines but added that if any were sunk there would be no positive evidence of the extent of debris and oil slick.

Two submarines have been reported sunk as "wood junks" in the Far East. They sank at 400 to 500 fathoms and would be a big one and extremely difficult to locate.

Illustrating the importance of protection against thermal radiation, General Clegg said the heat from Hiroshima caused a 16-square-mile area composed of 100,000 square miles damaged by a 100,000-ton bomb.

The Navy, however, in the Far East, has been unable to find any evidence of such damage.

Military sources said China was apparently using old Russian ships as targets in the South China Sea.

The Communists will not be able to use old ships as targets in the South China Sea.

Faure To Ask For Confidence Vote

FRENCH CABINET
CRISIS
'VIRTUALLY OVER'

Paris, Feb. 22.

France's 20th post-war Cabinet crisis was virtually solved tonight after the latest Premier-designate, Radical leader M. Edgar Faure, informed the President of the Republic that he was prepared to complete his mission.

M. Faure told reporters immediately afterwards that he expected to finish his ministerial list by midnight, but that whatever happened, he would be ready to go before the Assembly tomorrow morning.

M. Faure, who at the age of 48 has been a Cabinet Minister ten times, has put ratification of the Paris Agreement as the first item of his governmental programme.

A complete list of his Ministry will not be available until it is read out by the Speaker of the National Assembly tomorrow.

NO DIFFICULTY.

Falling last-minute snags, it was expected in political circles that M. Faure would have no difficulty in obtaining the necessary votes in the Assembly to-morrow.

The latest French Cabinet crisis enters its 18th day to-morrow. The Government, constituted by M. Faure, is a centre-right coalition based on the participation of the popular Republicans (Catholics), the Radicals (M. Faure's own party), the Conservatives, including the disident Gaullists, and the Gaullists.

It represents virtually all fractions of the chamber except the Communists, the Socialists and a few splinter groups.

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Although M. Faure has put ratification of the Paris Agreement as the first item of his governmental programme, some doubt was expressed—rightly—in political quarters whether he would be able to get the Chamber of the Republic, upper house of the French Parliament, to vote ratification without any reservations or qualifications.

There is no movement under way in the upper house to make the vote in favour of ratification conditional on the treaty not being applied in practice until further negotiations with the Russians about Germany and other problems have taken place.

This was the point of view expressed by M. Polewski, in the course of the Paris Agreement in the lower house of Parliament last December, and his presence in the Government was thought to indicate that the view in favour of ratification of the Paris Agreement was gaining ground in France.—Reuter.

NEW NATIONALIST RETREAT LIKELY

Threat To Nanchi Reported

Washington, Feb. 22.

The Nationalist Government on Formosa may have to evacuate Nanchi Island, northern-most outpost of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, US military experts said today.

But it is not known whether America will urge the evacuation.

Military experts said other offshore islands held by the Nationalists near Formosa, such as Matsu and Quemoy, were not immediately menaced by the Chinese Communists. They said they do not think Quemoy, defended by the bigger Nationalist force outside Formosa, was in danger for possibly as long as the rest of this year.

American experts also discounted as exaggerated Nationalist reports of heavy destruction of Communist "warships" and sinking of Communist submarines. Although there have been Nationalist reports of Communist submarines, no such reports have come from American sources.

The U.S. has asked the Nationalists to "check and double check" submarine reports.

Thermal radiation equal to the heat of thousands of suns severely burned 34,000 people when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima during World War II.

Announcing the major advance in atomic defence, which will get a full-scale test in the current atomic weapons trials in Nevada, Army Gen. William M. Clegg, Chief Chemical officer, said experts were studying ways to cover target cities with smoke in less than 15 minutes from the time they received a warning of possible attack.

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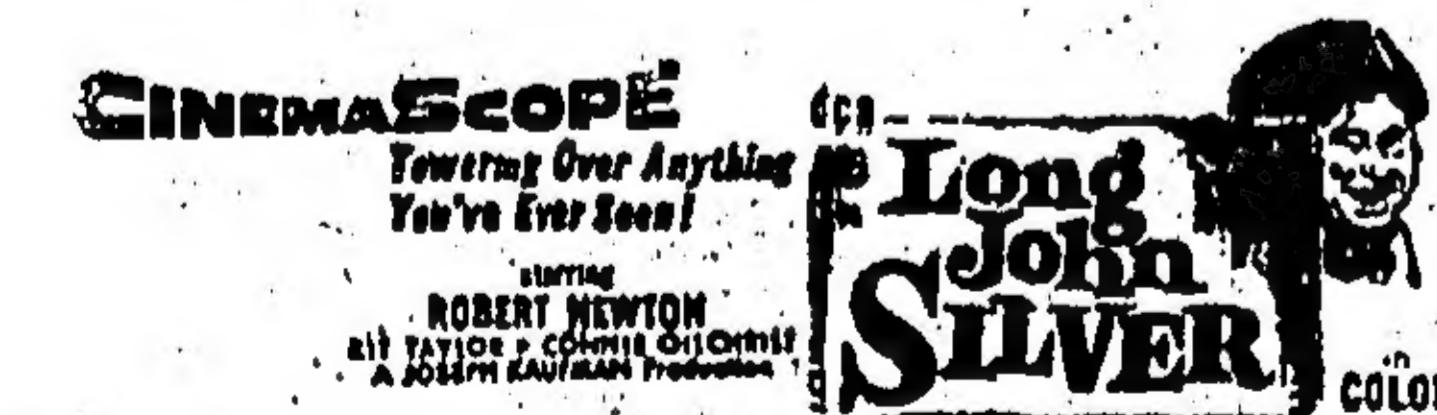
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JAPANESE RED PLAN

Political Offensive
Beaten By
Prime MinisterTokyo, Feb. 22.
The Communist Party abandoned its plans for an all-out political offensive in the face of the snowballing strength of the Prime Minister, Mr Ichiro Hatoyama.

With election day only six days away, Red leaders pulled out four of their 99 candidates for Lower House seats and instructed supporters to throw their votes to the left-wing Socialists.

LINGERIE COLLECTOR

London, Feb. 22.
A 46-year-old foreman-artist admitted in court at Hove, Sussex, today that for years he had been collecting women's undergarments.

He told the Magistrate that he took them off clothes lines in gardens in the neighbourhood. At his home, police found drawers full of articles of lingerie each of which had been carefully entered in a note book.

Defendant, J. Haynes did not explain what use he made of the panties and bras.

The Court decided the thefts were due to a mental lapse. Haynes, who promised not to try to add to his dainty collection, was granted conditional liberty.

—France-Press.

EUROPEAN DEFENCE ALTERED

Omaha, Feb. 22.
General Alfred Gruenther, NATO Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, stated here today that the strategical concepts for the defence of Europe had altered since the probable addition of Federal German troops to those of other Western Powers.

He made this statement on a stop-over at the military base here on his way to Bismarck in North Dakota.

Up to now, he said, NATO forces would have to hold the Rhine defence line. He added that "when we get the German contingents we will be able to defend what we call the forward strategy."

This would be, in the General's opinion, "a strong enough shield of German forces plus the use of our new weapons—atomic artillery and guided missiles."

He did not specify the precise distance toward the East which would separate the Rhine and the position of this "forward strategy."—France-Press.

This is one of the questions chosen today for the annual examination debate for apprentice lawyers of Paris.

Another question selected for the debate, which is to be held on Thursday is: Can an adulterous woman make a complaint for legal action against a private detective hired by her husband to watch her? If this detective is the party with whom she has committed adultery, if this detective made use of her as a partner to further his case, and if he noted in his report this single case of adultery upon which the husband's suit for divorce is based.—France-Press.

Paris, Feb. 22.
Can a convict who killed the executioner assigned to carry out his death sentence plead self-defence?

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NUCLEAR RADIATION EFFECTS

Possibility That Life May Be Shortened

A MEDICAL EXPERT EXPRESSES VIEWS

Washington, Feb. 22. An atomic medical expert today raised the possibility that nuclear radiation's long-term effects may shorten man's life expectancy.

This "delayed effect" of radiation exposure had already been demonstrated in test animals. Dr John C. Bugher told a Senate Armed Services Committee studying civil defence problems posed by the H-bomb.

Dr Bugher is Director of the Biological and Medical Division of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Whether radiation would have the same effect on the life expectancy of humans "is as yet unknown," Dr Bugher said.

EXTENSIVE AREA

Dr Bugher presented to the Sub-Committee a highly technical medical explanation of the effects of atomic radiation. These potential dangers were emphasized by an AEC report last week that an H-bomb could spread lethal radioactivity over a very extensive area.

A "possible delayed effect of radiation exposure which has been demonstrated in animals is a statistical shortening of life expectancy," Dr Bugher said in a prepared statement.

This phenomenon does not result from any specific cause of death but apparently from a general acceleration of the aging process. Whether this factor can be recognized in a human population is as yet unknown.

"For it to become a significant consequence of sub-lethal radiation exposure, it would seem necessary that all causes of death operating in earlier years would have to be sharply suppressed."

Dr Bugher left unanswered the question of the effect of radiation upon hereditary characteristics.

The "genetic problem," he said, "is one of the fundamental aspects of the adjustment of man to the world of the future." —United Press.

Whispering Atomic Blast

New York, Feb. 22. The Atomic Energy Commission today set off a "whispering" atomic blast

that a witnessing Senator indicated could be the model of a guided missile war-head for use against "invading forces."

The Senator, Mr Russell Long, who saw this second shot in the 1953 nuclear test series from an official observation post 10 miles away, said after the blast it was a "baby A-bomb."

He said it enabled him and 18 other observing Congressmen to "freeze" nuclear weapons launched from either the ground or aircraft against invading forces, yet small enough to minimize danger to our own people."

The Congressional party witnessed the explosion from the concrete control-point blockhouse inside the Nevada proving grounds and were briefed thoroughly by the AEC on what was happening before, during and after the explosion.

POST-BLAST STATEMENT

The use of the word "blasted" by the Senator in an official post-blast statement indicated that the device could have tipped the nose of any of the guided missiles known to be in the United States arsenal: ground-to-ground, ground-to-air, air-to-ground, or air-to-air.

The blast spread a panoramic "flash-bulb" light across an 800-mile area, and was officially estimated to be the equivalent of some 15,000 tons of TNT, actually in the medium-size range for Nevada firing.

Last Friday's first test of the series was a so-called "baby A-bomb" with an estimated "yield" of somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000 tons.

The Nagasaki and Hiroshima weapons, by comparison, were rated at about 20,000 tons.

Strangely, today's blast gave forth none of the noise level of previous detonations of that intensity. It was heard not at all.

The low under which the two soldiers are being tried allows for a minimum sentence of seven years and a maximum of life imprisonment. —United Press.

ACROSS

- 1 Nap. (6).
- 5 Scent. (6).
- 8 Harden. (6).
- 9 Mountain range (6).
- 10 Trap (6).
- 11 Bird (6).
- 12 Kind of lily (4).
- 13 Comfortable spots (8).
- 14 Show off (6).
- 15 Hard coating (6).
- 16 Carrying-chair (8).
- 17 Transparent mineral (4).
- 18 Volume (6).
- 19 Flower (6).
- 20 Mend (6).
- 21 Fruit (6).
- 22 Cola (6).
- 23 Value highly (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 1. Robber, 5. Ample, 8. Vene, 9. Arabic, 11. Verse, 12. Galore, 14. Bold, 16. Spill, 18. Froze, 19. Dean, 20. Summer, 24. Trade, 26. Parting, 28. Steel, 27. Dumb, 28. Detain, 29. Deport, 31. Roop, 32. Bras, 33. Evil, 34. Mace, 35. Advocate, 36. Puzzles, 37. Generous, 39. Baton, 40. Spurred, 41. Sarcasm, 42. Lame, 43. Puzzled, 44. Spurred, 45. Rude, 46. Altered.

- 1 Keeps up (8).
- 2 Carried out (8).
- 3 Weary (4).
- 4 Word puzzle (7).
- 5 Ammunition store (7).
- 6 Took on lease (8).
- 7 Deserve (8).
- 14 Apart (8).
- 15 Image of something seen, continuing when eyes are closed (8).
- 16 Composite armour (7).
- 17 Relicette (7).
- 19 Raco (6).
- 21 Dodge (6).
- 24 Parcels (4).

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When Dennis Eisenberg left his Johannesburg home for London he promised himself: "I'll try anything once." High on the list of "things I'll try once" was ballet. So when he reached London one of his first calls was to Covent Garden to watch the pick of the world's dancers at work. He decided to "have a go" but the youngster who'd hitch-hiked his way across Africa and Europe found that dancing can be a man-size job. Here he tells the story of that painful discovery.

Ballet For Innocents

THE blush on my face creased as one of the girls giggled. Surely this was the worst moment in my life.

"Please," said the instructor, "Please try and follow—please don't invent your own steps." He rattled off a string of French words.

I hadn't the faintest idea what he was talking about. It had looked so easy, so graceful, at Covent Garden. So simple, that I had decided to try it for myself.

I ignored the scoffs and warnings of my friends. And I bought a pair of ballet shoes and ...

Now, feeling very silly, the only male in a class of young, aspiring ballerinas, I was bitterly regretting my brilliant idea.

The instructor was short and stocky; he looked more like a wrestler than my idea of a ballet teacher. He had rather a squeaky voice. "Now we will go through that again." He repeated a long list of French instructions.

No Idea

Wish he would talk in English, I thought. All that I could remember of five years of school French was "Merci" and "Garcon." Besides, even if I knew what a "Grand Battement" was, I hadn't the faintest idea of how to do it.

"Please," he said wearily, "I told you before to open the thighs, point the toes, don't bend the knees, straighten the back. Now, first position."

Obediently, I forced the toes outwards from their natural position, one pointed to the east, the other to the west. I thought.

By Dennis Eisenberg



of the right leg. My back kept on bending in sympathy to ease the sudden strain on sides and legs. It was supposed to stay rigid. My hands dropped the wrong way and I kept on confusing the third with the fourth position.

The second one was easy. You stood this way, a soldier stands "at ease." The only complication was that the legs had to jut out sideways.

To add to my confusion, the plaintive wail of someone murdering Bach on a violin was drifting in from the studio next door. A male voice was bellowing Italian Opera from upstairs. Now, I understood the purposeful notice at the entrance to the studio reminding singers to keep their windows closed when rehearsing.

A Brainwave

Stretch and bend, from fifth in front, to fifth behind. Patiently the pianist was fingering scraps of Liszt and Chopin, as we jumped and scraped in time to the music. I kept my eyes riveted to the feet of the girl in front of me. Nice figure, I thought, all the same. "Concentrate," I muttered fiercely to myself.

"Now, one and two and three," he counted.

The idea was to try and bend while remaining in this extremely awkward position. I managed a descent of a couple of inches. Muscles I never knew existed came to life. Weird creaks and shooting pains were coming from all over my body. And my thighs! I tried to twist your thighs right round and then start squatting.

I jumped. I twirled. I pivoted—and felt as clumsy as an elephant trying to compete with a herd of gazelles. Every now and then I would nearly topple over and had to grab the hand rail along the wall.

Would this never end? The minutes ticked by—oh, so slowly—when suddenly I had a brainwave. I would pretend that I was ill or that I had pulled a muscle or something. "Coward," I heard someone say.

I decided to stick it out.

At last the music stopped. The class was at an end. Body aching all over, utterly exhausted and striving desperately to look dignified, I retired, dejected, to the shower room.

I can use the tights for pyjamas, but am anyone interested in buying a pair of virtually new, size nine ballet shoes?

"Your hands," he yelled. I had forgotten to drop my hands. "Now stretch and stretch." I stretched and stretched and could have sworn I heard something snap. If only he'd go a little slower, I thought.

The trouble was that my left leg seemed to be in the way

IF ONLY THE B.B.C. HADN'T CANCELLED THEIR CANDID INQUIRY...



"Well, ever since they heard the B.B.C. were talking of televising the black spots of British Railways..."

London Express Service

Thousands have sought the fabulous treasures of El Dorado and have been defeated—by mud

THE SACRED LAKE OF THE GILDED MAN

By Kendall McDonald

THE sunlight drew a dull gleam from the breastplate and armoured helm of the tall bearded Spaniard.

He repeated over and over again the one question—

"Where is El Dorado?"—to

the thing that had been

Sajipa, King of the Chibchas,

Indians, and now, revolved

on a spit over the fire. But

the Indian died without speaking.

The year of 1536 was drawing

to its end and already the lower

heights of the Andes were capped

with snow. The story of El

Dorado—now spoken of in legend

as a city of gold—had drawn the

Spaniards. Quesada and nearly

1,000 men of arms and followers

through matted jungle and fever-

stinking swamp in search of

plunder—to the foothills of the

Andes.

Their numbers had been cut

down by two thirds on that

journey—by desertion, Indian

attacks, fever and exhaustion.

Was it just a legend that

drove them on? It was for

more substantial a lure than

that. El Dorado meant The

Gilded Man—and the Spaniards

had seen some of his treasures

that had filtered through to the

coast of South America—golden

ornaments and emeralds "as

big as a man's palm."

The Gilded Man did exist. And today his treasures are yours for the finding—if you can drain a lake and sit the mud at its bottom.

Sajipa, the Chibchas king, died

in vain. There were some of his

subjects who were impressed by

the Spaniards' torture methods

and talked. Quesada found that

he had been camped only a day's

March from the lake of untold

treasure.

But first something of the

story of the Gilded Man...

The "sacred" lake of Guatavita, hiding place of the inex-

haustible treasures of El Dorado,

lies between nine and ten thou-

sand feet above sea level on the

summit of a conical mountain,

not far from Bogota.

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Do Some Figuring
Before You Jump

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW would you play today's hand at a contract of three no-trump in rubber bridge? You have to be careful, or you'll find yourself in the minus column at the end of the hand.

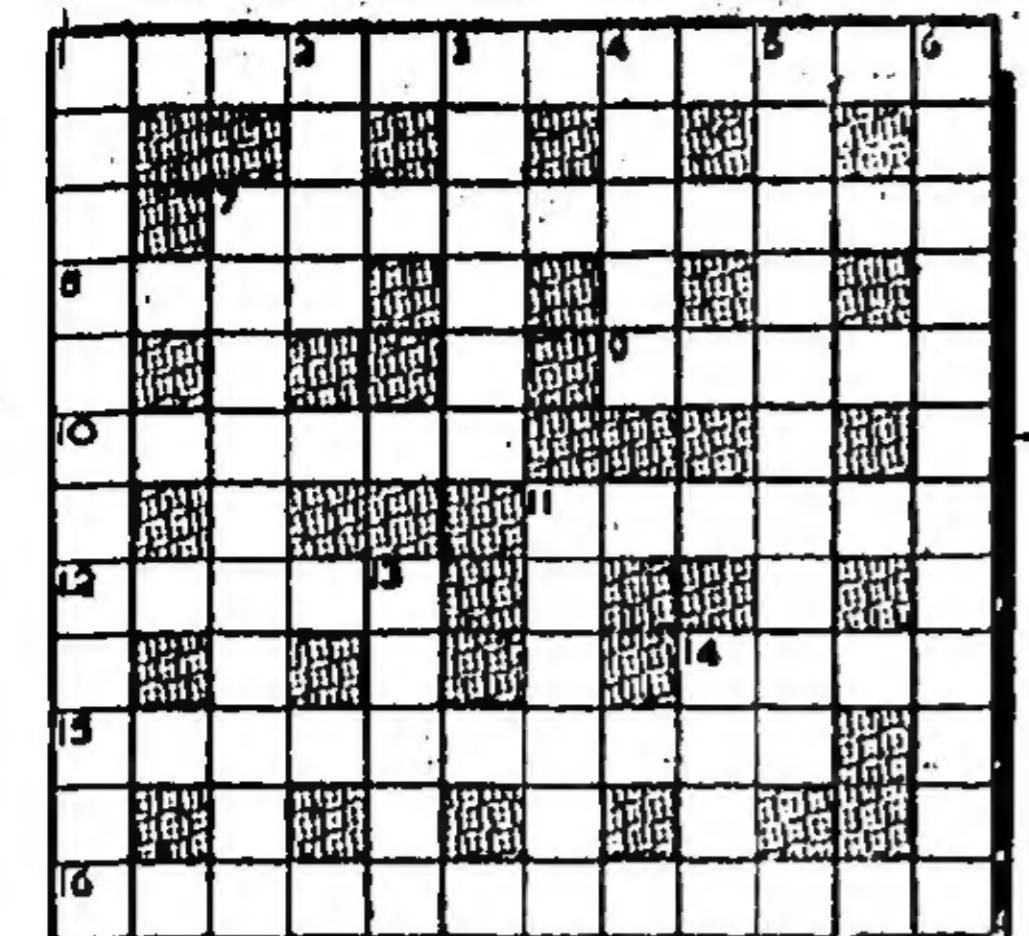
West opens the three of spades, and you let East win the trick with the queen. East leads the king of spades, and you let him hold that also. Now East looks around for a new point of attack, somewhat to your relief.

After some thought, East leads the ten of hearts. You put up the ace of hearts to win the trick. Since you are in a minority to start on the diamonds, with this idea in mind you lay down the ace of diamonds, and both opponents follow suit.

What do you do next? If you're still in a hurry, you'll lead the king of diamonds, after which you'll have ample time to repeat. This is the play that costs you the contract.

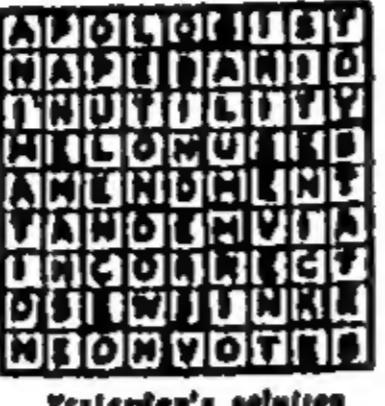
If you then continue with a third diamond you'll never get back to your hand to cut the king of hearts. West will win the third diamond and lead a

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Blackmailer (10)
2. Tires stand high in the view of the world (6)
3. Sounds like a great lake, a bit odd. (6)
4. Exit the end of the ice mixed up. (6)
5. Aguecheek's good miles (6)
6. D. a. speedster's lake. (6)
7. Hips change for a fairy. (4)
8. Annie's doll (tag). (4, 5)
9. Tasty in June. (12)

Down
1. Age eats tents but these like to sell more permanent structures. (6, 6)
2. This burden, appropriately. (4)



Yesterday's solution



"Next Christmas let's give each other sensible gifts like ties and fur coats."

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

BORN today you are an individual of diverse talents. You have a good mind and will probably be good at creating on your own hook. You live of home and kin are strong. West at an early age, for example, will be a good negotiator with men, a career especially if you are of the feminine gender. You might be highly successful as a creative artist, especially in the service. But, unless you also have your own home and family, you will be disappointed with any success you may achieve. You may have a little bit of a temper, but still, it achieves your best success when you have a family to encourage your best efforts.

You have a free sense of justice and if you will always be frank and direct in your manner, rather than trying to gloss over something because you think it might hurt someone's feelings, you

will get along best. Trying to evade your true self is hardly ever a good idea. You are good at making a business deal and have a faculty for being able to know how to make money. You are a natural born negotiator, but with men, a career especially if you are of the feminine gender.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

PRIES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This may be a rewarding day if you have been contributing your best on the job lately. A possible pay raise.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—You may find that it is necessary to take a rest period for the sake of peace. It is the wise thing to do.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May. 21)—If you have plenty of self-confidence today you will find that it brings a commendable reward.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you feel that your routine is becoming monotonous try out a new idea. Seek variety in life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Sometimes the bright, up-beat green on the outside will not suffice. Make a change or make a decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—If you are planning to redecorate your house this spring, today might be a good time to consider it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Conservative wisdom will serve you well. Being too adventuresome, especially in business, is not advised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Your experimentation is not wise. But if your plan is workable, then continue it today and make gains.

WEST North East South
INT Pass INT Pass
Pass Pass

NORTH	30
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WEST	EAST
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♦ K 7	♦ J 9 0 4
SOUTH (D)	
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Opening lead - ♦ J	

spade to dummy's ace. At the end, you'll have to lead the clubs, allowing West to take the club and a good spade.

If you try to avoid this fate by cashing the long of hearts, West will counter by dropping his queen of hearts. Now when West wins the third round of diamonds with his queen, he can lead a heart to East, and East will take three heart tricks to defeat the contract.

You can avoid this dilemma by not leading the king of diamonds. After you have cashed the ace of diamonds, continue with a low diamond. This was the plan adopted by Terence Reese, the famous English bridge star, when the hand was originally played.

West won the second round of diamonds with the queen, but was then unable to defeat the contract. If West led a spade to dummy's ace, Reese could get back to his hand with the king of hearts. And then he could get to dummy with the ace of clubs to run the diamonds.

CARD Sense

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South
1 Dmd. Double 1 Spade ?

You, South, hold: Spades 8-4; Hearts Q-J-7-3-2; Diamonds 8-5; Clubs A-Q-J-4. What do you do?

—Bid three hearts. You expect to reach a comfortable game in hearts if your partner has three-card or four-card support and a sound takeout double. If North has mediocre hearts and good spades, he may have enough in diamonds to try for game in no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-10; Diamonds Q-J-8-3; Clubs 10-6-4-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

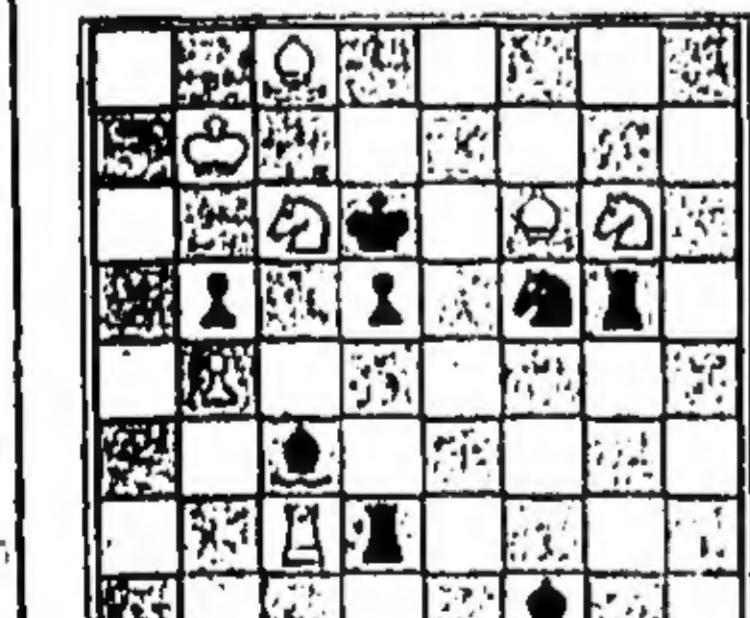
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CHESS PROBLEM

By V. E. RASMUSSEN

Black, 8 pieces



White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-K1, any; 2. R, or B mates.

DUMB-BELLS

ABOUT NINE INCHES!

HOW LONG SHOULD I COOK SPAGHETTI?

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The Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is given over to Referee Stanley who did such a fine job of handling the third and final game of the Hongkong-Admira Soccer series.

The visit of the Austrian footballers produced plenty of stormy controversy but there was nothing but praise accorded to Mr Stanley for his work in making the final game such a fine one.

There is always a risk of a clash of ideas and styles when teams from different parts of the world meet but by his commanding and practical approach to the job in hand, Mr. Stanley satisfied both sides, and it was pleasing to see so many of the Admira players going forward to shake hands with him at the end.

Later Dr. Koller, who was in charge of the visiting party said that he had been very pleased with the refereeing in the last game and stated that he had no complaint or excuse to offer for his team's defeat.

By reason of their task referees get few bouquets and it is therefore a special pleasure to put on record our appreciation of Mr. Stanley's work with the whistle.

THE SAME SIX

When the competing units report at the recorders' table for the commencement of the Minor Units Athletics Finals next Wednesday it will appear to many people that the calendar has been flicked back one year for the six teams who have qualified this time are exactly the same six as won their way through to the finals in 1954.

This is a most interesting feature and a couple of mathematicians were hard at the other day trying to work out the odds on such a thing happening twice.

The qualifying teams are as follows:—

27 Lt. (Strange's) Bty. RA., HQ 48 Bde., 6 COD, 173 Loc. Bty. RA., CPO, and Workshops.

The usual 'spot-the-winner' game is already being played but it is not easy to single out any team that can be said to be clear favourites and one of the fascinating features is that the different teams are strong in different departments.

This means that getting the subsidiary places is going to be as important as winning ... especially if the fancied competitors manage to win their particular events.

HARD PUT TO IT

Cricket enthusiasts are asking what has come over the crack Army South team that has now released the grip on the leadership of the Colony Premier League to KCC.

Two draws have cost the side valuable points and while the position is by no means hopeless they are going to be hard put to it to retain the championship title.

It is interesting to hear that Major Peter Chubb, the team captain, has decided to give up his wicket-keeping position so that he can give more attention to the vital captaincy duties.

Apart from anything else it is believed that he has not been too happy recently about his work behind the stumps and he feels that the necessity of concentrating on every ball is not giving him a real chance to think about the wider aspects of the game.

This seems to be a wise decision and I will be most interested to see how the team fortunes react to the change.

With the Army hockey side now in Singapore for the FARFEL Championships there is a lull in the game but at least one well-known umpire cannot resist the call of the sticks.

Major S. J. Boycott, R.A., has agreed to officiate in the play-off of the Senior Schools Championship between King George V School and Queen's College. The game will be played at King's Park this afternoon and the bully off will be at 4.30 p.m.

FIRST CLASS FORM

Army footballers Higgins and Morris were in first class form when they represented the Colony against Admira FC in the second game of the tour last Saturday.

PETER KEENAN OUTPOINTS DANTE BINI

Glasgow, Feb. 22. Peter Keenan, the British Bantamweight Boxing Champion, outpointed Dante Bini (France) over 10 rounds in a non-title bout here tonight.

It was Keenan's last fight before leaving for Australia, where he meets Bobby Sinn, the Australian Champion, for the vacant British Empire Bantamweight title.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

SCOTLAND CAN TAKE A STEP TOWARDS THE TRIPLE CROWN

Says J. R. WATKINS

The two Home Rugby titles, the International Tournament, and the Triple Crown, go up for auction on February 26, when England meet France at Twickenham, and Scotland entertain Ireland at Murrayfield.

France, who this season have beaten Scotland and Ireland, are favourites for the International Championship; Scotland, the one unbeaten country in Great Britain, alone have a chance of winning the Triple Crown.

Strangs that Scotland, so long Cinderella country, should step boldly into the limelight as potential champions.

They rely on an unchanged team to oppose Ireland at Murrayfield, the scene of that amazing victory over the Welsh.

They have every reason to be satisfied with that performance. And, of course, the advantages of a settled team are immeasurable.

Ireland, on the other hand, have made several changes from the side which drew with England. Jackie Kyle, holder of 34 caps and who was in the running for the South African tour captaincy, has been dropped. His half back partner, J. A. O'Meara, capped 18 times, also goes.

Skipper Niall Hall is replaced at full back by Gibbs of Harlequins; Ted Woodward has his place on the right wing to Sykes; P. J. Taylor, P. H. Ryan and J. Hancock are superseded in the pack by Yaranton, Wilson and Beer. Sykes and Beer are new caps.

The dropping of Hall is no surprise. What is surprising is the choice of Gibbs as replacement, and the handing over of the captaincy to Young.

Gibbs, although a reliable kicker, did not have a very good game against the fast-moving French.

The selection of Young as captain though, is a shock. As leader of the pack against Wales and Ireland he could not inspire his men. If he is to lead the forwards as well, there cannot be much improvement, even allowing for the return of the dynamic Wilson.

S. Kelly takes over from Kyle. He will be partnered by S. J. McDermott. McCarthy and Kavanagh are replaced by D. McSweeney and R. H. Thompson, respectively.

As a tactician Kelly is no Kyle, but his game is more fiery. Finding extra punch seems to be the idea behind the other changes too. McDermott

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Dreaded Disease May Be Beaten By Chemicals

By JOE JONES

Will chemicals provide the clue to the mystery of mankind's most insidious disease—cancer?

There are indications that the answer to this question may be in the affirmative. After testing thousands of chemicals, researchers at the famed Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York have found a handful which show promise of leading to an ultimate cure for cancer, it is revealed in an article in the Dow Diamond.

The magazine reports that in attempting to solve the complex problem of curing this disease, scientists at the Institute now believe that the chemical therapy offers the most promise. The article lists some chemicals which have cured certain types of cancer in mice.

MAJOR PROBLEM

At the present stage of research, it is explained, the problem appears to be to construct a chemical which will provide the cancer cells with materials which it will accept as a nutrient, but which will fail to nourish it so that it cannot survive and multiply.

"The quest has turned in unusual directions at times," the magazine, a publication of the Dow Chemical Company, points out. "Royal Jelly was tried. This is the mysterious, vitamin-rich food which has been fed to a young honeybee larva causing it to become, after metamorphosis, a queen, or perfect female bee. But the Royal Jelly didn't help cure cancer."

"Very many antibiotics from moulds have been tried against some animal cancers, and a number

POSSIBLE SOURCE

One possible source of anti-cancer chemicals is the so-called "living chemicals" or viruses, the publication says. Several of these have been found which attack mouse cancer.

A Pennsylvania scientist believes a chemical may play an important role in causing diabetes—a disease which occurs when the body is unable to produce enough insulin to burn its sugar.

Dr Arthur J. Mirsky, of the University of Pittsburgh, reports that the liver chemical, called insulinase, destroys insulin.

Studies are now being made to determine whether the action of insulinase could be blocked.

The common cold is also in the science news these days.

Although millions of dollars have been and are still being poured into the battle against this baffling ailment, about all that medical science knows is that it's probably caused by a virus, says Dr Archer P. Crossley, Jr., of the University of Wisconsin. And the best prescription still is—"aspirin, rest, nose drops, fluids, and food."

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme
Sundays: 8:03, Lucky Dip—Variety
Programme presented by Margherita
Lodge; 8:30, Weather.

Time Signal and World News
(London Relay); 7:00, Commentary
(London Relay); 7:15, Special
Announcements; 7:15, Rhythmic Inter-
lude—Loops and Tunes (Piano and
Guitar); 7:30, Twenty
Quotations from the Missions to
the United Nations; 7:45, Patrick
Butler, The Team; Faith Butler,
Dorothy Scales, John Little, Paddy
Sheehan (Recorded); 8:00, Record
Review; 8:15, The Voice of Birch
(Studio); 8:30, Scouting Round the
World—Major General D. C. Spry,
Dr. D. C. Spry, Scouts International
Bureau describes the growth
and international aspect of the Boy
Scout Movement on the occasion of
the Annual Meeting of the World
Lord Baden-Powell (Recorded London
Relay); 8:45, Studio Concert—
Louise Hassen (contralto), Dr. C. K.
Wang (piano); 9:00, Record Review;
9:15, Wednesday Theatre—The Mystery
of the Empty Ship—3; by Lance
Shaw, music by G. W. W. Wren;
Wreckers—Homer—Louis Stevenson
and Lloyd Osborne (BBC7); 10:15,
Music of Prince Di Candiano—10:30,
Oriental Night—10:45, G. W. Wren
and his Orchestra with vocal; 10:50,
Weather Report; 11, Time Signal and
Radio News Read (Recorded London
Relay); 11:30, Goodnight (Recorded
London Relay); 12:00, Close down.

Lucky Escape

Las Vegas, Feb. 22.
Senator Russell Long and 10
Congressmen narrowly escaped
injury today when the bus running
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into the desert. —United
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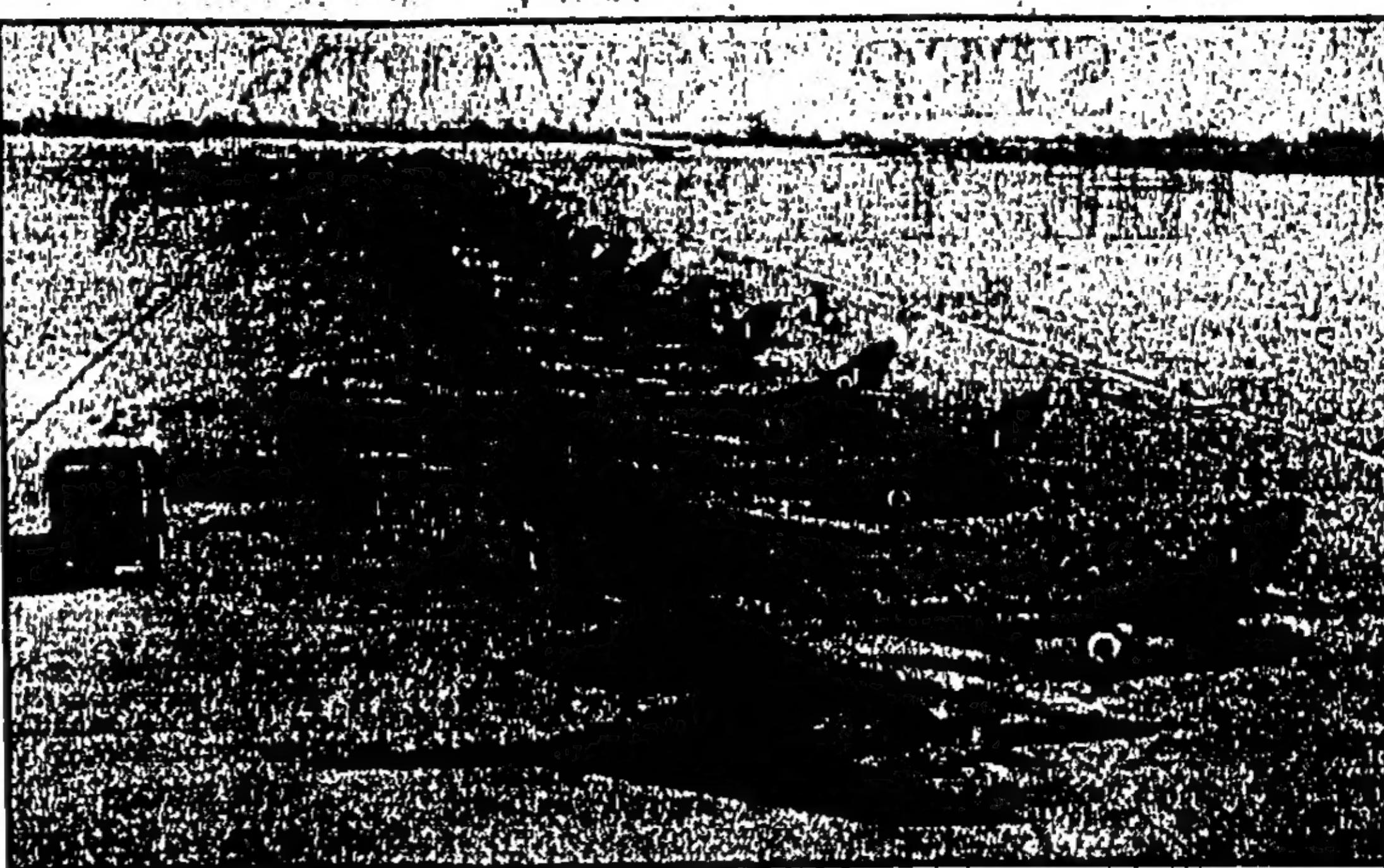
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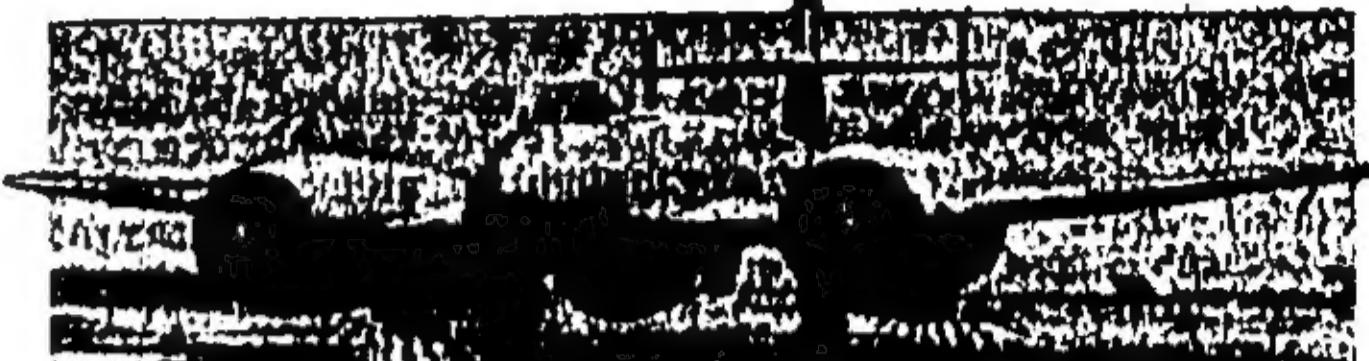


JET DEFLECTION WILL MEAN SHORT RUNWAYS

Meteor Test Successful

A British jet fighter, a Gloster Meteor fitted with Rolls-Royce Nene engines, has been successfully flown using a new aeronautical technique—jet deflection.

The new system is designed to reduce the take-off and landing speeds of aircraft, by deflecting the jet exhausts downwards so that they provide a component of vertical lift as well as forward thrust.



Meteor Showing Jet Deflection.

The pilot can quickly change a descent into a climb if necessary, with much less increase in forward speed than is required in a conventional aircraft, by deflecting the jet downward and so giving himself a direct upward boost.

FARNBOROUGH TESTS

The Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough is continuing the tests.

The introduction of jet deflection marks another stage in the progress of aviation towards shorter runways, which in turn may bring about substantial economies in aerodrome construction.

An Indian-designed two-seat training aircraft can now be exported to countries overseas.

The plane is the Hindustan Aircraft HT-2, a basic trainer which has been selected for service with the Indian Air Force.

Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. is an Ordinary (Overseas) Member of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

The HT-2 has a British engine, the Blackburn Cirrus Major, and is fully aerobatic. It has been in quantity production for twelve months, and numerous deliveries to the Indian Air Force have already been made.

The HT-2 is a low-wing monoplane of sturdy construction, with an excellent view from the cockpit.

It is the first Indian-designed aircraft to be built by Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. but the manufacturers have some fifteen years experience of building aircraft under licence, and during World War II they designed and made the first all-Indian glider.

Recent British aircraft which the firm has built under licence include more than sixty Percival Prentiss trainers and a number of de Havilland Vampires for the Indian Air Force.

The HT-2 trainer is of up-to-date construction with an all-metal stressed skin so that deterioration in extreme climates is reduced to the minimum.

It is fitted with hydraulic toe-operated brakes, like the heavier aircraft which students who train on the HT-2 will ultimately fly.

CANADA & AUSTRALIA

Other members of the British Commonwealth which design and produce their own aircraft are Canada and Australia.

In Canada the de Havilland Beaver and Otter, and the Avro CF-100 and CF-105 are all Canadian designs.

More than seven hundred Beavers have been built, and the United States Army has recently placed an order for over eighty Otters.

The CF-100 is the standard all-weather fighter of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the CF-105, an ultra-fast supersonic delta-wing fighter, is under active development.

In Australia, a basic trainer aircraft, the Cessna 170, has been produced for the Royal Australian Air Force.

A new type of radar set, which is able to weather continuous service in bad weather, will shortly be installed at London Airport.

The set is a Marconi S.22 which is completely crystal controlled.

Previous radar sets which operated in the centimetric wave-bands were affected by rain and cloud with the result that their efficiency was reduced at a critical time.

The S.22 has been designed for use at both civil and military airports, and a development set has already given useful service at London Airport.

This set is fitted with a moving target indicator system, which removes the effects of stationary objects such as hills or buildings from the radar screen. This leaves the screen clear for aircraft echoes and makes the operator's task easier by eliminating the possibility of confusion.

Another advantage of the system is that it can be used in bad weather, as the rain and cloud do not affect the performance of the set.

Pancake Race In U.K. Village

London, Feb. 22.
A 30-year-old housewife received a kiss from a church warden and a cup from the village minister when she raced into the porch of Olney Church southwest of London today carrying a pancake in a frying pan.

Mrs Doris Millward had won the 415-yard race which was first run 510 years ago in one minute 18.8 seconds against other housewives of the village.

A similar race was being run in Liberal, Kansas between American housewives. The respective times between the two localities are compared to decide the winner. Liberal won the race last year. —France Presse.

Cairo, Feb. 22.
An Israeli unit shelled the village of Rafah in the Gaza strip near the Israeli-Egyptian border last Tuesday, it was learned here today.

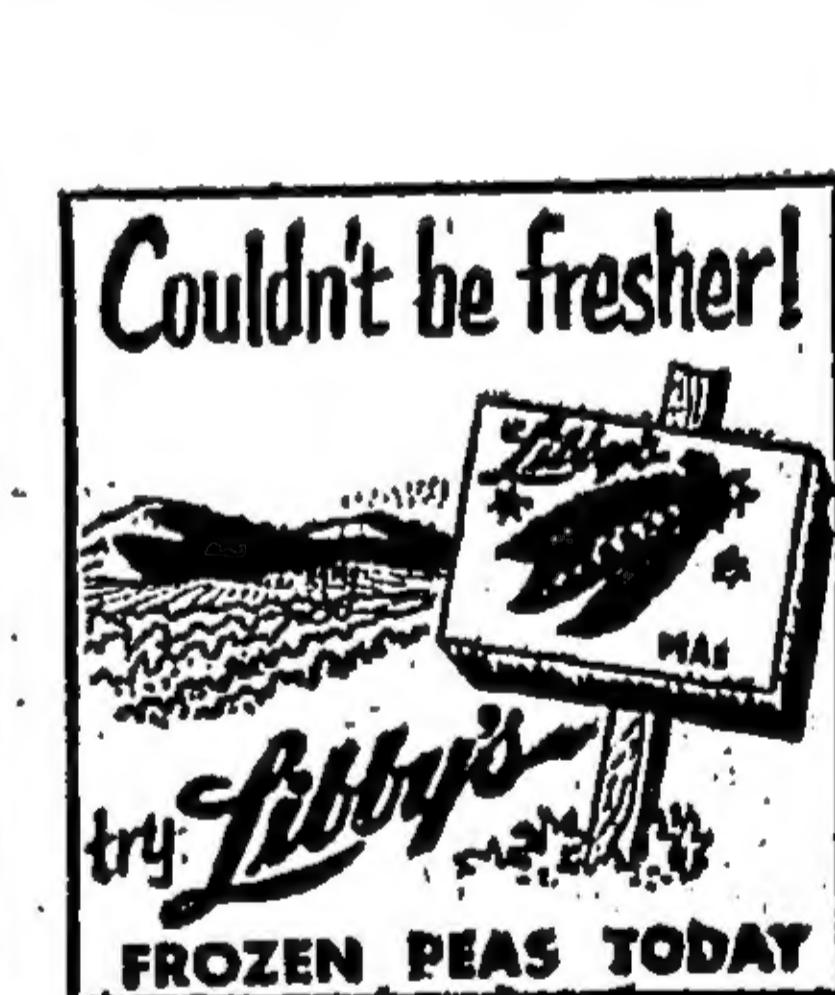
Four Egyptian soldiers were reported to have been killed.

The Egyptian Government has informed the Palestine Armistice Commission and demanded an immediate inquiry.—France Presse.

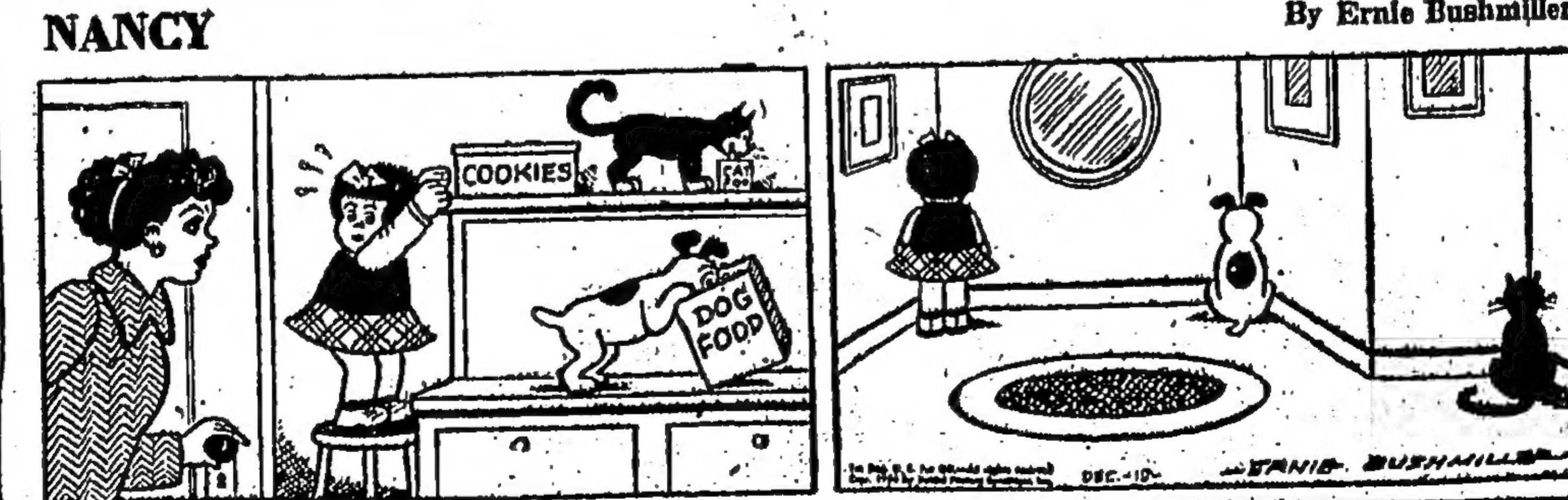
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BLACK MAGIC ASSORTED CHOCOLATES

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THE EMPIRE TROOPER TO BE BROKEN UP.

London, Feb. 22. One of Britain's most famous troopers is to end her days in a shipbreaker's yard after 15 years of voyage, during which she has taken thousands of servicemen to all the trouble spots of the world.

She is the 14,000-ton *Empire Trooper*, a former German liner.

Since she was first put into the service of the Royal Navy in 1942, she has had a long and eventful career, including 10 years in the Far East.

She was built in Germany for the Hamburg-American Line in 1932 as the *C. P. Norto* and had been chartered for nearly 2,000 third-class passengers and emigrants.

At the outbreak of war, the *C. P. Norto* tried to run the *Scapa Flow* to South America, but she was captured by HMS *Bulwark* and fitted out as a hospital ship.

She then ran on an outward-bound convoy from a British port, was attacked by the cruiser *Hipper* and was badly damaged.

But the *Empire Trooper* was soon back in service taking a leading part in the campaigns in Malaya, Borneo and Italy.

After an extensive refit in 1943, the *Empire Trooper* began taking troopers to and from the Far East, and it was during this period at the end of the summer in 1948, that she enabled the Guards to add their long history of military honours.

She took large contingents of Guardsmen east for the Malayan emergency, and it had almost become a tradition of the Brigade of Guards that they never served East of the Suez in peace time.

—(London Express Services).

Early Train 'Plebiscite' Rejected

Bonn, Feb. 22. West German railway officials carried out a "plebiscite" to decide whether the time of an early morning workers' train should be changed.

The officials distributed voting papers to all passengers on the Greding-Roth train in Bavaria asking for their opinions on a request by some passengers that the train should start 30 minutes earlier.

The request was rejected by 200 to 64, with six abstentions. —Reuter.

Menzies To Visit Athens

Athens, Feb. 22. The Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, is to visit Athens, where he will stay five days as the guest of the Greek Government.

The Australian Prime Minister on his way home will arrive in Athens on February 28 from London where he has been attending the Commonwealth conference.

During his stay here Mr Menzies will hold conversations with the Prime Minister and other members of the Government on matters of mutual concern.

The question of Greek emigrants to Australia will also come under consideration. —Reuter.

U.S. Business Activity Increased

Washington, Feb. 22. The Commerce Department announced today a further advance in United States business activity in early weeks of 1955, continuing the substantial rise occurred in the fourth quarter of 1954.

The Commerce Department announcement was based upon an annual review of economic conditions, which also revealed that United States foreign investment increased by \$1,000,000 compared with the same period of 1954. —United Press.

India's First Newsprint Mill Open Next Month

New York, Feb. 22. Ceremonies marking the formal dedication of India's first newsprint mill are tentatively set for March 6, it was announced here today.

The \$12,000,000 project, described as the first such enterprise on the mainland of Asia, is the only modern one in the world designed and constructed to process newsprint for the first time commercially from bamboo at Salal Chandi in Central India, about 325 miles northeast of Bombay.

According to Ebasco Services, Inc., New York designers of the plant, the anticipated output is estimated at about 35,000 tons annually and is expected to go a long way toward relieving India's lack of print.

Previously, Indian newspapers were forced to import their raw material from Canada or Scandinavia.

Prime Minister Nehru and other top Government officials are expected to be present at the dedication ceremonies. —United Press.

Steel Industry Expansion To Cost £300m

London, Feb. 22. Britain's current five-year plan to modernise and expand her steel industry will cost £300 million, an official report said today.

The report, presented to Parliament by the Iron and Steel Board, estimates that by 1958—when the five-year period of development ends—the supply and demand for crude steel will both total 22,000,000 tons.

This will represent an increase of 3,840,000 ingot tons in the use of steel in Britain in the five years.

Production is already growing rapidly and should reach 10,000,000 ingot tons this year. By 1958 the need for imports of steel will be "negligible," the report said.

The Iron and Steel Board was set up in 1953 by the present Conservative Government as an official co-ordinating body for the industry when it removed steel from state ownership and handed it back to private enterprise. —Reuter.

Boom Year For Danish Shipyards

Copenhagen, Feb. 22. Danish shipyards had a boom year in 1954, building no less than 203,000 tons deadweight of new ships.

Sixteen thousand workmen are now employed in the yards and if more labour were available the output could be largely increased.

Burmeister and Wain, the biggest shipyard in Denmark, has recently been reorganised and is to produce 100,000 tons of shipping yearly if the skilled labour were available. Danish yards have enough work for two or three years. —Reuter.

Calcutta Tea Auction

Calcutta, Feb. 22. There were 1,810 lots totalling 8,691,000 lbs. on offer today at the tea auction sale here.

The sale opened quietly with prices at considerably lower level except black leaf spots. Later demand improved and there was some recovery. Quotations in rupees per lb. were:

Black Medium Darjeeling 25.46
Best Assam Darjeeling 25.41

Quotations for leaves were not available due to the insufficient quantity available to be offered. —United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WEAKNESS OF STERLING

Outer Area Members Living Beyond Means And Losing Reserves

London, Feb. 22. Three reasons are given for the present weakness of sterling in the foreign exchange market.

The first is that members of the outer sterling area are living beyond their means and running down their reserves.

The second is that British grain traders are buying unusually large amounts of American grain.

Increase In Customs Classifications On Watches

Washington, Feb. 22. United States officials said today the Customs Bureau, which is part of the Treasury, is expected to announce in about two weeks a decision to put in higher customs classifications on imported watches that are being imported in the U.S.

They understood the Bureau so far has not received anything which would make it consider revoking this decision but is still studying briefs submitted by interests for and against reclassification of such watches.

They said it appears the Bureau does not think it a good idea to suspend action until a conference is held on all aspects of watch imports.

SWISS SUGGESTION

The Swiss Government has sent a note to the State Department making this suggestion.

The 30-day statutory period for sending in briefs to the Customs Bureau ended Saturday but officials understood the Bureau might still be willing to consider in the next two weeks any suggestions which might make them revoke the decision for reclassification.

They said the Bureau issues what is called a change in practice when it announced intention to reclassify such watches and when this is done the decision becomes irrevocable.

There then ensues a 90-day period before the reclassification comes into force to permit importers to get rid of watches in warehouses and en route from Switzerland that have been ordered under the present classification. —United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 22. The tin market was steady in the morning with spot marked down 2½ to £706 and three-month £1 to £709½.

Turnover was 150 tons, of which 20 tons were for cash.

In the afternoon unofficial session, the market was again steady but quiet with spot up 2 points at £709½ and three-month 1½ to £811½. Turnover was 8 tons, and there was none for cash.

Closing prices in sterling per long ton were:

Spot buyers 207
3-month sellers 211
3-month business 212

—United Press.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

London, Feb. 22. The pepper market was dull. White Sarawak was quoted at 4s 2d, sellers; Black Sarawak, 2s 9½d, sellers; Black Malabar was quoted at 35s 8d, sellers—United Press.

London Zinc And Lead Market

London, Feb. 22. Zinc and lead markets were quiet while copper was steady. Prices closed in the afternoon unofficial session in sterling per long ton as follows:

Copper 11s 1d
Zinc 10s 1d
Lead 10s 1d
Zinc 10s 1d

—United Press.

Liverpool, Feb. 22. Official values for spot cotton in pence per lb. included:

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

CLOSE SHAVE

THE street market lay only a few hundred yards from the din and bustle of a main highway, but in the quiet street where the stalls were set up there was a kind of village atmosphere and calm. Customers and stall-holders knew each other by name, and knew much of each other's family history. Credit was discreetly given, gossip and confidences freely exchanged. A small and happy world.

In this one-street village the other day, a stall-holder, to oblige an acquaintance, took the man's son on the strength of his establishment.

MAKING PROGRESS

THE boy, whose name was Alfred, proved a ready learner at his temporary trade, and the stall's proprietor was soon able to report on his progress in glowing terms to his father.

It came, therefore, as a severe shock to Alfred's employer when one day he observed his young assistant helping himself to a packet of razor-blades from stock. The employer decided that Alfred needed a sharp lesson.

A policeman happened to be passing. Alfred's employer called him over and told him what he had seen. The officer tackled Alfred.

"Is it right you've stolen a packet of blades?" he asked.

Alfred turned very pale. He hung his head. "I've took three," he muttered.

TOO LATE

"DID anyone give you permission to take them?"

"No."

"You'd better come along with me."

The policeman led Alfred towards the station. Before the pair had gone far, Alfred's employer caught up with them. He had decided that Alfred had by now, probably learned his lesson.

"Okay," he said to the policeman. "The boy's been scared enough, I reckon. I'll withdraw the charge."

But it was too late to amend matters that way.

ANGUISH

AT the Clerkenwell court next morning, Alfred pleaded guilty to stealing the three packets of blades, and the story was briefly told to Mr T. F. Davis, the magistrate.

"This young man's employer is here to speak for him," said the officer in charge of the case.

Alfred's employer stepped forward. "This boy's always been very satisfactory," he began.

"I suppose you still think him satisfactory if you hadn't found out about this?" the magistrate suggested.

"Oh, yes, he's a good boy at heart. And his family's very nice and they're customers of mine." There was great anguish in the tone of Alfred's employer as he said that.

THE PENALTY OF SHAME

"WHAT do you want to say?"

The magistrate asked Alfred.

"It was a spur of the moment," Alfred gulped. "I regretted after."

"What you're sorry about is that you were found out," said the magistrate sharply. "Had the child not been for what your employer had to prison, you need a salutary lesson. Pay a fine of £10 or go to prison for one month."

"Thank you, sir," said Alfred, and he hurried fearfully away, with part of his punishment still to come — the return to the village-like street market, where everyone knew everyone, and all would know where he had spent the morning.

£2 Plus' Haircut

London, Feb. 22. A haircut the Marquis of Milford Haven had recently cost him £2 more than usual — the fine he had to pay for leaving his car outside in the street, so that it caused an obstruction.

"I always go for a haircut," he said in Court yesterday.

The Marquis was the best man at the wedding of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. — China Mail Special.

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NEW ZEALAND'S ASSURANCE TO SEATO COUNCIL

Bangkok, Feb. 23.

The New Zealand External Affairs Minister, Mr Thomas L. Macdonald, today assured the Asian members of SEATO that his country would play its part in making the organisation "a real and working partnership between East and West."

In his speech at the opening meeting of the SEATO Council, Mr Macdonald said the delegates would be giving form and life to the organisation.

He warned that Southeast Asia was faced with a "grave and ever present danger from the expansionist ambitions of the new Communist imperialism which is seeking to dominate the whole world."

Mr Macdonald said the danger from Communist infiltration and subversion might well prove greater in the immediate future than that from open aggression.

"The countries of Southeast Asia have already acquired a dearly bought experience of the subtle techniques of Communist subversion from within. We shall consider how, jointly, we can help each other to meet this danger," he said.

Mr Macdonald told the other foreign ministers that by her adherence to the Manila Treaty, New Zealand wished to make clear her concern for the security and welfare of the Southeast Asian area.

"As a Pacific country, New Zealand is also to take a vital interest in the future of Southeast Asia," he added.

Australian External Affairs Minister Richard G. Casey said that Australia had a sense of urgency regarding the danger of Southeast Asia that "I believe is no less than that of those whose lives are cast in the threatened area."

In his speech at the opening of the SEATO Council, Mr Casey said he wished to stress the fact that continued Communist effort to undermine the free countries of Asia must be countered far more effectively than they have been in the past. — Reuter.

Request For English Lawyer To Argue Case

Lahore, Feb. 22.

Pakistan's supreme judicial authority today halted action by the Sind provincial chief court to restore Tamizuddin Khan to the Presidency of the Constituent Assembly and to turn five Cabinet Ministers out of office.

The Sind court had ruled that the Governor-General, Ghulam Mohammed, acted illegally in dissolving the Constituent Assembly last October. It held that the five ministers were not entitled to exercise the functions of ministers because they were not members of the Assembly.

The full bench of five judges of the Federal Court today ordered the Sind court to stay its writs.

But the judges refused an application by the Advocate-General for an adjournment of the appeal hearing — fixed for March 10 — to allow a constitutional expert to come from England to plead the Pakistan government's case.

"You will, perhaps, remember that I said it was a pity that Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson would be heard only once in the Colony," Mr Harry Odell and the British Council must have thought so far, for last night we were given another performance, this time in the hall of the Grantham Training College.

Both the hall and the audience were somewhat smaller, but I think the audience was more discriminating, more aware of these finer points that constitute the art dramatic.

The programme selected by the Cassons was even wider in range than their first, and on this occasion we heard them perform in more selections chosen from the stage.

One thing about seeing them twice in one week was that I was able to concentrate upon those qualities which set such a high standard, but first for the programme itself.

Except for one item, the programme selected by the Cassons was entirely new, and selected to express their rare qualities to a delighted audience.

On this occasion, Robert Browning was included and we heard Dame Sybil recite The Confessional and write even more of play and terror from its lines. Sir Lewis followed with his portrait of cynical tragedy, and again Dame Sybil with Up in a Villa.

"As a special mentor of mine, he brought out the immense dramatic qualities of Browning, and made one wonder why he was unsuccessful as a playwright."

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Asked what his reactions were to what he heard, Mr. Lowe said he did not know what exactly happened in this case.

Asked further, Mr. Lowe said he did not know the circumstances in which the statement was taken, but he could not say now what the circumstances were. He added that he himself had taken a statement at 3 a.m. on one occasion.

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"I didn't know the Joneses were having trouble, but I wouldn't let that old gossip think she had a scoop on me!"

Chartered Bank Case: Leave Given For Fresh Action

The claim for £10,850 (HK\$173,500) brought by J. M. Shashoua (Hongkong) Ltd., of Gloucester Building, against the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China in the Supreme Court was withdrawn this morning, and Mr Justice C. W. Reece granted the plaintiffs liberty to bring a fresh action for the same cause of action.

The judge ordered the plaintiffs to pay the defendant Bank's costs of the action. The leave to start a fresh action was granted subject to the condition that these costs be taxed and paid before the issue of a fresh writ which should be issued within three months of the payment of these costs.

Wadeson, represented the defendant Bank.

Mr Clifford applied this morning for the case to be adjourned for him to make an application for the taking of Mr. T. H. Bowman's evidence on commission or alternatively for leave to withdraw the case and to start a fresh one before another Judge. (Mr Justice Reece yesterday indicated that he would be going on leave on April 19.)

The plaintiffs claimed that the Bank made a full payment on a shipment of cotton from Persia before the goods arrived instead of withholding ten per cent which the plaintiffs instructed them to do to protect themselves against the goods being under-qualified.

The plaintiffs alleged negligence in respect of payment by the defendant Bank of two bills of exchange in September drawn, respectively, under two letters of credit opened by the Bank at the request of the plaintiffs.

The sum claimed represented ten per cent of the two bills, plaintiffs alleging that the Bank paid the full value of the letters of credit to the sellers, M. K. Malek and Bros. of Teheran, without their consent and without retaining ten per cent as stipulated.

Alternatively, plaintiffs claimed damages for breach of the two contracts contained in two applications by the plaintiffs to the Bank for opening the two letters of credit.

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Mr. Chen asked witness to describe the circumstances in which he was awakened at 3 a.m. on December 8, last year, at Kowloon City Police Station when he was taken into custody.

Mr. Chen asked if, in his opinion, the accused was likely to be delaying matters much more to ask for the case to be adjourned until the date fixed. The plaintiffs